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Proposed Merger of XM and SIRIUS Re:

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing as a subscriber to XM Radio Service. I have a unique usage for the service and find the arguments of some opposing the merger to be absurd. My personal use of XM Radio is for obtaining news and information when I am traveling outside the Chicago area where I reside. My portable device allows me to receive Stock Quotes, CNN radio and CNBC radio broadcasts whether I be in Florida, California, the Carribean or Mexico. The services are available, as I understand, on either of the Satellite Radio Services.

For music there are many alternatives, some of which were not in widespread usage when Satellite Radio was conceived: Internet Radio, IPOD and MP3 Players, Conventional Radio, Cable TV and Satellite (Dish & DirectTV) Services which broadcast music stations along with the aforementioned news services.

The merger of the two competing services would insure the continuation of the product which my likely disappear otherwise. The subscriber growth has apparently stagnated due to alternative services, and thus, the denial of merger may result in neither service surviving.

I urge you to consider the changes in technology which should no longer be cause for concern if the two satellite services were to merge. With greatest respect, I am,

ORGE SEGENREICH

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